

**DEC-205(Ly 75)/DCL-1 INTERGENIC SPLICE VARIANTS ASSOCIATED WITH
HODGKIN'S DISEASE, AND USES THEREOF**

ABSTRACT

The inventors have identified intergenically spliced DEC-205/DCL-1 mRNAs, which encode the intact DEC-205 ectodomain together with an additional carbohydrate recognition domain, a transmembrane domain and a cytoplasmic domain derived from DCL-1. These DEC-205/DCL-1 intergenic splice variants were identified on Reed-Sternberg cells and thus have application in the therapy and investigation of Hodgkin's disease.